

Application No. 10/056,495

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, 25 and 27-32 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12-13, 25 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,401,054 to Andersen in view of US Patent No. 5,130,710 to Salazar and US Patent No. 4,980,882 to Baer et al.

The Examiner has indicated claims 11 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has added the limitations of claims 11 and 31 (and all intervening claims) to claims 1 and 25 respectively. Therefore, claims 1 and 25 should be allowable. Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-10, 12-13, and 27-32 should be allowable as each claims depends directly or indirectly from either claim 1 or claim 25.

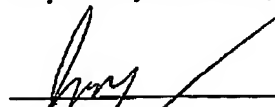
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has added the limitations of claims 11 and 31 to claims 1 and 25 and canceled claims 11 and 31.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

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